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I am writing to express my concern with the proposed settlement in the Microsoft anti-trust case.

I have been a professional software developer for 24 years, in the Seattle-Redmond area. I have seen Microsoft grow from a small group in a Bellevue bank building to the huge firm they are today.

In my personal and professional opinion, Microsoft has done major harm to its customers and to US citizens by abusing its monopoly position in the market. It has restricted choice, forced bad solutions on customers, and caused major expenditure that was unnecessary.

However I am loathe to bind the company from doing what it does do well - produce software profitably.

Therefore I suggest as a solution:

Require Microsoft to issue full specifications six(6) months before releasing any software in which they have a monopoly position (operating systems, office software, browsers). This would allow true competition while not causing any undue burden on Microsoft, and would not hinder their innovation nor their profits, unless some other firm did something better that was built on their monopoly products.

Thank you for your consideration

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